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SUBJ: PRESIDENT DUVALIER COMMENTS ON U.S. GSP

1. PRESIDENT DUVALIER INCLUDED A REFERENCE TO THE U.S. SYSTEM OF GENERALIZED TARIFF PREFERENCES IN HIS APRIL 22, 1976 ADDRESS OPENING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION. HE SAID THAT THE SYSTEM IS "VERY IMPORTANT FOR HAITIAN EXPORTERS"... AND "WILL STIMULATE THE MARKET IN THE U.S. FOR HAITIAN PRODUCTS..." HE NOTED THAT SOME HAITIAN PRODUCTS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE PREFERENTIAL LIST AND THAT HE HAS ASKED "FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE APPROPRIATE AMERICAN AGENCIES IN ORDER TO RECONSIDER THESE PRODUCTS WHICH WILL NOT COMPETE WITH THOSE OF OTHER BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES."

2. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS FROM THE GOH AND LEARNED FROM COMMERCE MINISTER ANDRE THAT THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS WERE GENERATED BY REPORTING FROM HAITIAN AMBASSADOR SALOMON WHO NOTED THAT HAITIAN BASEBALLS ARE EXCLUDED FROM GSP. ANDRE SAID THAT HE DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THINKS THAT THE PRESIDENT NOW UNDERSTANDS THAT BASEBALLS WERE EXCLUDED FROM GSP BECAUSE HAITI IS THE WORLD'S LEADING PRODUCER. NEVERTHELESS, THE GOH MAY WISH TO DISCUSS GSP EXCLUSIONS IN GREATER DETAIL.

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WE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT ANY REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS

BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH THE HAITIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.
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